**FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER**

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The Lord’s Prayer is a both a request for divine intervention and it’s a vow of submission to His authority.

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*Matthew 6:9-13*

*11 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.*

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*10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.*

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*11 Give us this day our daily bread.*

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*12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.*

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*13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. (KJV)*

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*II Timothy 3:1-5*

*1 But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.*

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*2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy,*

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*3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,*

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*4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,*

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*5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. (ESV)*

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*Matthew 6:13*

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The Greek word for power: *Dunamis*.

Definition: *Miraculous power, force, abundance and violence.*

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*Matthew 11:1-12*

*1 When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.*

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*2 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples*

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*3 and said to him, Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?*

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*4 And Jesus answered them, Go and tell John what you hear and see:*

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*5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.*

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*6 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.*

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*7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?*

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*8 What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.*

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*9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.*

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*10 This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.'*

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*11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.*

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*12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. (ESV)*

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The Greek word for *violent*in verse 12 in the Greek is *biastes*.

Definition: *A forcer that is energetic*.

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*Matthew 16:13-20*

*13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, Who do people say that the Son of Man is?*

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*14 And they said, Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.*

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*15 He said to them, But who do you say that I am?*

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*16 Simon Peter replied, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*

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*17 And Jesus answered him, Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.*

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*18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

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*19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

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*20 Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ. (ESV)*

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*Matthew 16:18*

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*Matthew 16:16-18*

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We have been given access to explosive power in Christ...but we have to plug into it.

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*Common reasons why I (many) people go to church:*

1. *I committed a big sin last week and I hope God will forgive me if I go*

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1. *I feel guilty because I’ve missed a few weeks*

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1. *I want to hang out with their friends*

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1. *There are fun activities for my kids*

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1. *I enjoy the music*

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1. *I want to pick apart the sermon so I can have roast preacher for lunch*